

Chair Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Brown, and the members of the House Civil Justice Committee, my name is David Lowe, and I am submitting this testimony in support of House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

I am a transgender woman. My neighbor has harassed and threatened me on multiple occasions calling me fa**ot over and over. I have had to call the police 4 or 5 times in the past year. This time they took me to jail for disorderly conduct (I was alone in my home when he claims it happened). When they initially came out on my call, I explained that I am transgender both officers and the one that later made the arrest snickered when he heard that I am transgender.

I support protections for all people. Being transgender myself, I find it amazing that in this day and age that we have to have laws like this past but there are millions of people out there that do not like certain people that do not fit into their own personal beliefs. Please vote yes on House Bill 369, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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